

12-33 Molloy House
Chestertown
public

2nd quarter 18th century

One of ~~one of~~ of Chestertown's most attractive and least altered eighteenth century frame houses, the Molloy House is notable chiefly for its brick gable ends (only the southeast ~~is~~ exposed), beaded siding, and the unusual arrangement of the facade. The first story has five bays and is symmetrical, but the second has four unevenly spaced windows. The house ~~is~~ presently owned by the Maryland Historical Trust and awaits restoration.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Molloy House

1K-33

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

109 High Street

CITY, TOWN

Chestertown

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

VICINITY OF

First

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Kent

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☒ PUBLIC☐ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☒ OTHER tenanted**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Maryland Historical Trust

Telephone #: -

STREET & NUMBER

2525 Riva Road

CITY, TOWN

Annapolis

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Md.

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Office of the County Clerk

Liber #: EHP 43 307

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

Kent County Court House

CITY, TOWN

Chestertown

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

none

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT☐ GOOD☒ FAIR☐ DETERIORATED☐ RUINS☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED☒ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

109 High Street is a 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ -story eighteenth century frame house which is symmetrical on the first story with five bays and asymmetrical on the second with ~~four windows~~ one window between the left bays, one over the entrance, and two over the fourth and fifth directly over the two first story windows in the right bays. The arrangement appears to be original. The house is located on the southwest side of High Street between Queen and Front Streets on a part of Lot 7 in Chestertown.

The house has a gabled roof with two gabled dormers. The southeast gable end is brick and extends above the roofline. The northwest gable end is also brick but has been covered over with cedar shingles; it does not rise above the roofline. The rest of the house is covered with beaded siding.

There is a low painted brick basement. There is a 3-bay wood porch on brick piers. It has a railing across the northwest end and front; there are four wood steps up the southeast end. It has a shed roof of standing seam tin supported by three turned columns.

The door is 8-paneled with a 3-pane transom and is framed by full-length louvered shutters. The windows on the first story are 9/6 with louvered shutters. Those on the second are 6/6 and also have louvered shutters.

There is a box cornice and a composition shingle roof. The two dormers have 6/6 windows. There is a chimney within the southeast gable end; the chimney at the other end was removed.

There are pilasters on the front corners.

There are no windows on the first or second stories of either gable end; the brick on the southeast gable end is laid in common bond; there are two attic windows in the gable of the northwest gable end.

There is a 2-story frame addition in the rear, creating a T plan.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 2nd quarter 18th c.

BUILDER/ARCHITECT unknown

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Dating a smallish frame eighteenth century house is a dangerous game, since they were built, torn down, and replaced fairly often and there is generally no telling whether the tenement or message on a given deed is "the one" or some other predecessor. From style and the thin documentary evidence, it would appear that the Molloy House was on Lot 7 at least by 1754 when George William Forrester and Mary (Wilmer) Forrester sold 3/4 of Lot 7 to Thomas Ringgold for £100.

The house is extremely handsome but badly in need of the restoration its previous owner obviously hoped for when she deeded it to the Maryland Historical Trust.

Both it and 117 High Street up the block are architectural prizes and both need help soon.

Summary of Title Search

Simon Wilmer willed to Mary Wilmer Liber 2 58 (1730)

(3/4 of Lot 7) ~~The other 1/4 went to William Wilmer who sold it to Lorain~~

George W. Forrester and Mary (Wilmer) Forrester to Thomas Ringgold (1754) £100

Thomas Ringgold to William Slubey BC 4 475 (1796)

Wm. Barroll, trustee for sale of real estate of Slubey, to Wm. Harris TW 3 43 (1803)

William Harris to John Morgan WS 3 420 (1821)

John B. Eccleston, Trustee for John Morgan to Philip Thomas JNG 3 481 (1831)

Philip Thomas to Richard Baker (1834) \$650

Virginia and Juliana Baker to Thomas Walker JR 2 84 (1851)

Henry W. Huber, Trustee to William Conyer JKH 1 702 (1859)

Richard Hynson, Trustee to Mary A. Wheatly (1893)

ETC.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Bounded on the Northwest by the lands of J.G. Allspach et ux., on the Northeast by High Street, on the Southeast by Nicholas Newlin et ux., and on the southwest by M.G. Maybeck, and designated on the Plot Of Chestertown by No. 7 and having a frontage on High Street of 37.5 feet, more or less and an even depth of 105.5 feet, more or less to the lands of M.G. Maybeck.

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Robert Neill Historic Site Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust/ Town of Chestertown

DATE

July, 1976

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

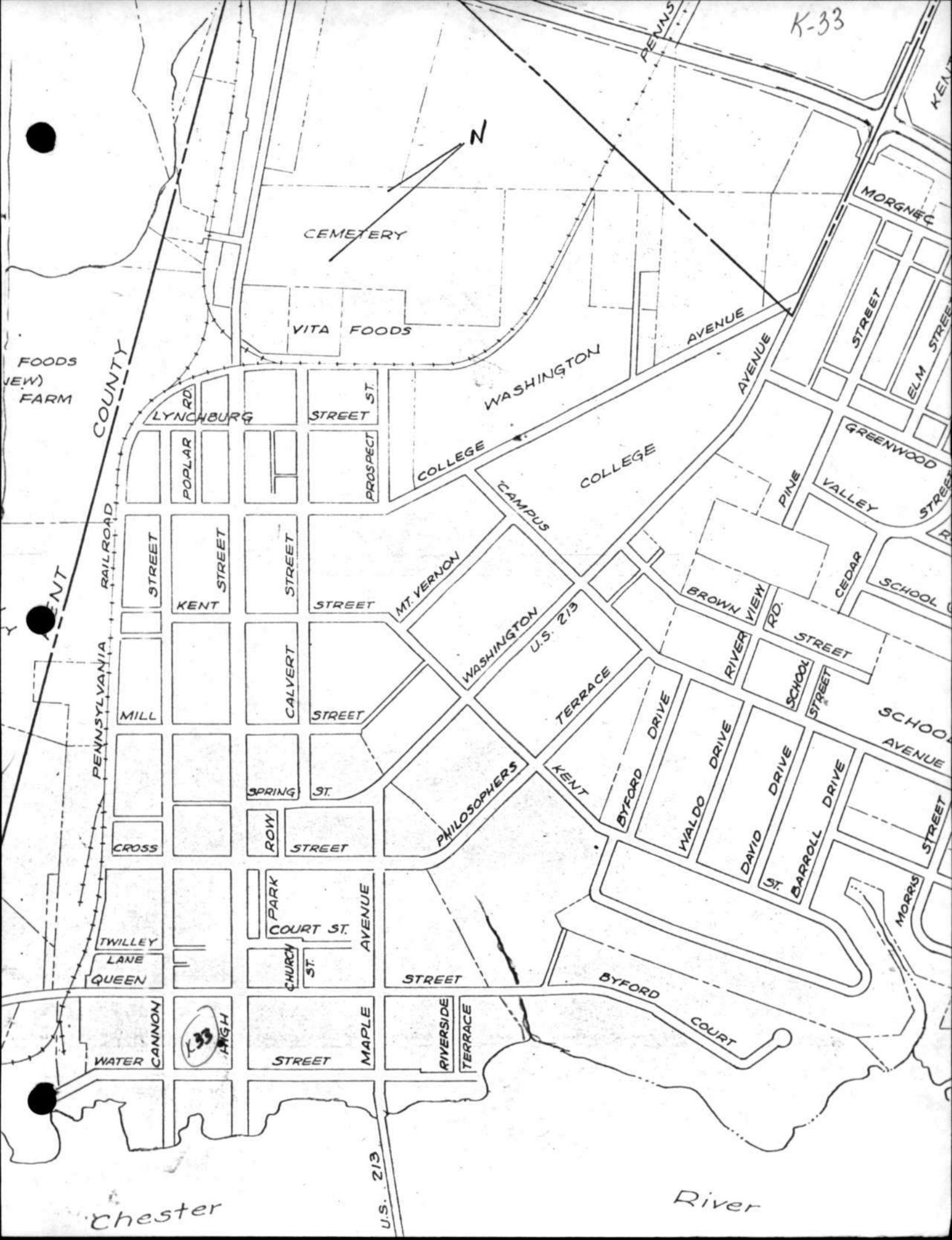
RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

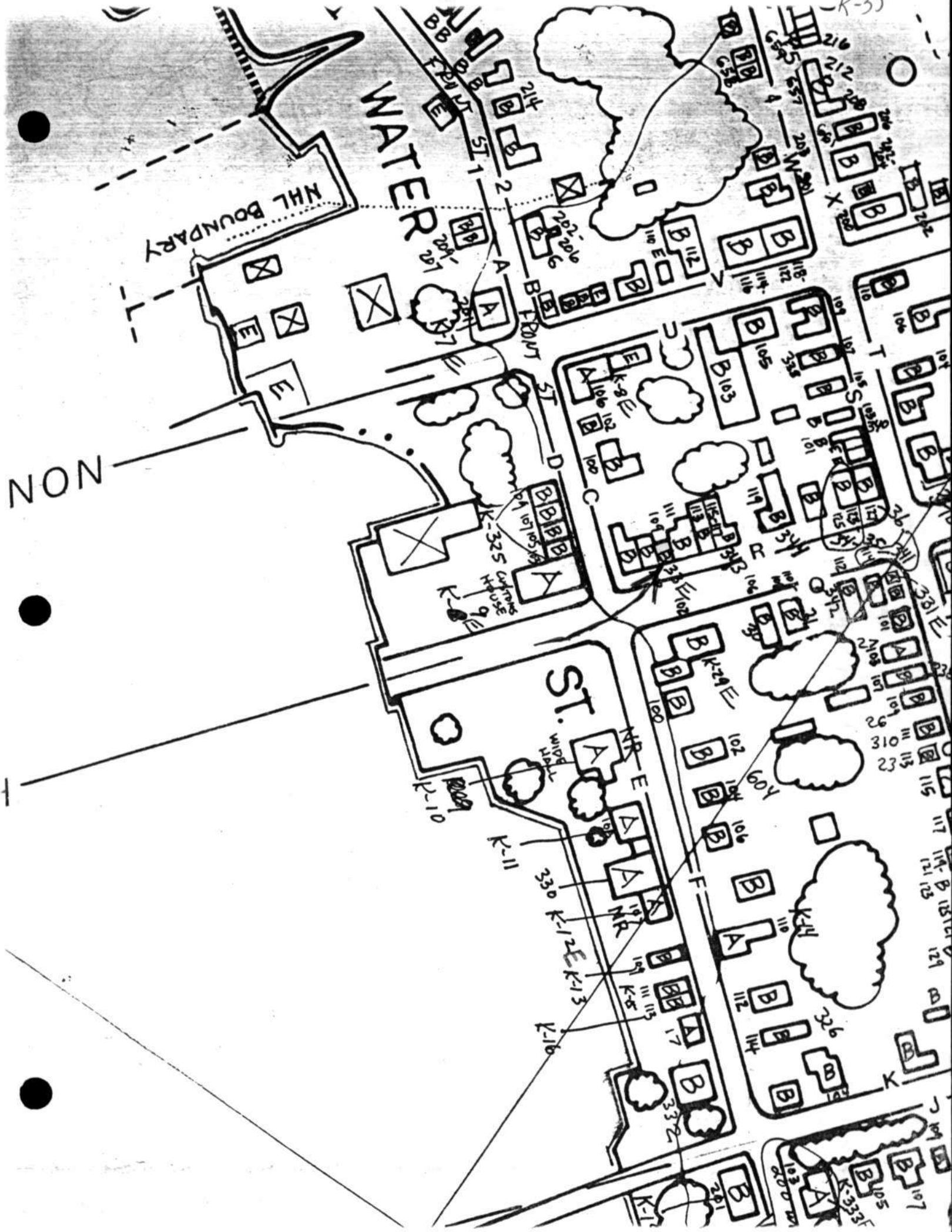
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- 1958 - April 15. Dorothy D. Molloy from Stephen R. Collins et al. (wife Dorothy S.)
Book WHG 54, p. 311. Two parcels, as follows:
- 1956 - April 24. Stephen R. Collins and wife Dorothy S. from Trustees Trinity
Evangelical Lutheran Church. Book WHG 44, folio 311.
May 7. Stephen R. Collins and wife Dorothy S. from Barbara A. Elliott Doub
and D. Leroy Doub. Book WHG 44, folio 423.
(Note: the first of these parcels is the front, with the house, part of
lot #7 on plat.)
- 1952 - June 2. Trinity E.L. Church from Leonard F. Adams and wife Doris Eileen.
(Described as lot #7 on plat.) 37'6" on High Street, 71'6" deep to land
of Charles J. Reiche, between parcels belonging to William C. and I.R.
Newman and Barbara Anthony Elliott. Book WHG 23, folio 454.
- 1949 - May 21. Leonard F. Adams from Evelyn Eugenia Bankhead, divorced.
Book WHG 11, folio 152.
- 1948 - October 1. Evelyn Eugenia Bankhead from Charles F. Wheatley, Jr., et al.
Book WHG 8, folio 475.
- 1945 - February 23. Charles F. Wheatley, Jr. and wife Ann G. from Margaret R.
Massey, widow. Book RAS 35, folio 563.
- 1922 - July 12. Margaret R. Massey from J. Waters Russell Realty Co.
Book APR 9, folio 541.
- 1920 - April 23. J. Waters Russell Realty Co. from Mary M. Sherwood.
Book APR 6, folio 509.
- 1918 - April 16. Will of Kate Wheatley probated, leaves everything to sister
Mary M. Sherwood. 1893 - June 9,
(See also SGF 1, 409 and 515. Joseph Wheatley, deed of trust to
J. Waters Russell. See also will of Mary A. Wheatley, deceased June 9,
1893, leaves everything to daughters Mary M. Sherwood and Kate
Wheatley. APR 6, 509, also JRC 1, 409.)
- 1859 - December 22. Mary A. Wheatley from Richard D. Hynsen, new trustee.
Hynsen from Henry W. Archer, previous trustee, same day. JKH 1, 702.
- 1857 - April 21. Confusion here: Henry W. Archer, trustee, sold this same property
lot #7, to William Conyer. Conyer does not appear again, and Hynsen is
the new trustee in 1859. Archer, of Harford county, had been appointed
by the court to sell the real estate of which Thomas Walker, of Kent
county, died seized (possessed). Book JR 1, folio 281. In any case,
the title seems to have been cleared when Hynsen sold it in 1859, and
the property is the same lot #7, fully described in deed from Virginia
and Julianna Baker to said Thomas Walker in 1851.
- 1851 - December 23. Thomas Walker from Virginia Baker and Julianna F. Baker,
widow of Richard Baker. JR 2, 84 and 85.
- 1834 - May 31. Richard Baker from Philip and Rebecca Thomas, house and lot.
JNG 3, 481. This is confirmed by JNG 3, 481, November 29, 1834.
of Cecil county,
- 1831 - February 7. Philip Thomas and wife Rebecca from J. B. Eccleston, trustee
for John Magner of Kent county. JNG 2, 319.

1871/7/John/Magner/

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Chestertown
Chestertown Quad.
Kent County





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109 High

1/77 N + W



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